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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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RENEE BROWN, PARENT AND GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD HOWARD BROWN,

PLAINTIFF,

-against-

AFFIDAVIT OF RENEE BROWN, INFANT'S REPRESENTATIVE, IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF MOTION TO SETTLE ACTION

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICER MELENDEZ AND DEAN CALDERON,

DEFENDANTS.	US
STATE OF NEW YORK)	
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)	10/

Renee Brown, deposes and states under oath as follows:

- 1. I am the plaintiff in the above action. I am the Parent and Guardian of Minor Child Howard Brown in a Section 1983 action brought on his behalf, through myself as his legal guardian against the defendant. I have personal knowledge of the below stated. I am submitting this affidavit in support of Plaintiff Motion to Settle Action of Infant.
- 2. I reside at 1980 Park Avenue, #6J, New York, New York 10037, with my minor child Howard Brown.
- 3. The subject action arises from my son Howard Brown allegedly being assaulted and detained by the defendants on or about November 21, 2006 at Graphic Communications School, New York, New York. My attorney Mr. Fish has also informed me that defense witnesses, were this matter to proceed to trial, would have offered substantial evidence significantly contradicting

my son's version of the factual particulars that gave rise to the present lawsuit.

4. My son Howard Brown did in fact sustain personal injuries arising out of the subject

November 21, 2006 incident, consisting of contusions and bruises and was treated one time at North General Hospital

- Harlem Hospital for same. He was not confined to any jail in regard to the detention. He did not sustain any loss wages herein. His injuries have resolved themselves completely.
- 5. I hired my attorney Gary S. Fish, Esq., pursuant to a Retainer Agreement, which provided that in the event that monies were recovered on behalf of my minor child, Mr. Fish would be entitled as a contingency fee, to Thirty Three and One-Third Percent (33 1/3%) of the monies recovered as his attorney fee. The Agreement also provided that Mr. Fish was entitled to be reimbursed his reasonable disbursements, in the event that monies were recovered in the case. I am aware that Mr. Fish filed a lawsuit on our behalf, (\$350.00 filing fee) served the lawsuit on the defendants, (\$180.00 service of process incurred fee.) participated in a PreTrial Conference, engaged in numerous conversations with Assistant Corporation Counsel Suzette Rivera, Esq., concerning the scheduling of discovery, and with respect to and settlement discussions. It is my understanding that Mr. Fish's incurred costs in the case amounted to \$530.00 He is seeking a total of \$3,600.00 in attorney fees and costs, which means that he is waiving part of his \$3,333,33 earned attorney fee (1/3 of \$10,000.00). This is reasonable and fair. 6. I am satisfied with the legal representation Mr. Fish has provided myself and my son in the case. It is my decision to settle the case at this stage, for the amount of \$10,000.00, to avoid the time and expense and uncertainty of trial.
- 7. I respectfully request that the Honorable Court will approve the amount of the settlement of this Infant Compromise Action, award my attorney Gary S. Fish, Esq., the sum of \$3,600.00

as his attorney fees and costs, award the sum of \$6,400.00 to the plaintiff, to be placed in a bank account to benefit my minor son Howard Brown, together with any other just and equitable relief deemed proper by the Court.

Renee Brown

Sworn to before me this

_day of May 2008

Notary Public

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